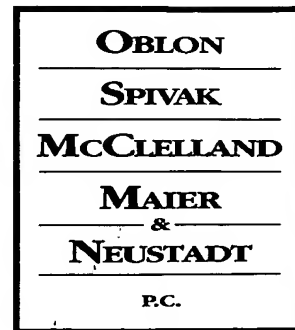




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Re: Inventor: Yusuke AMINO, et al.

Serial No: 10/091,500

Filed: March 7, 2002

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ASPARTAME DERIVATIVE,
METHOD FOR PURIFYING THE SAME, CRYSTALS THEREOF
AND USES OF THE SAME

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION (RETURN COPY); FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(F); DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION (3 PP., EXE); INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; FORM PTO 1449; NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF COPIES OF TRANSLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT; TRANSLATION OF PCT INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT; THREE (3) CITED REFERENCES

Our check in the amount of \$130.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated April 12, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f),
Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee is being paid herewith.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable
action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR. 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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